(b) Does not arise

Equitable Distribution of Water

2146. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of WATER RE-•SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) what are the salient features of the model Bill circulated to the States for adoption regarding equitable distribution of water for irrigation and domestic needs;

(b) whether there is any proposal for the formulation of a national water policy; and

(c) if so, hy when it is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOUICES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Salient features of the Model Irrigation Bill (1976) are broadly as under: —

(i) Application of water for public purposes;

(ii) Regulation of ground water in so far as it impinges on surface waters within the command of irrigation works;

(iii) Expeditious construction of irrigation and drainage works including water courses, field channels and field drains;

(iv) Construction of water courses by the State for effective utilisation of irrigation potential;

(v) Provision for on-farm development;

(vi) Supply of water and enforcement of cropping pattern;

(vii) Provisions for water-users' associations;

(viii) Levy of water rates and ' betterment contribution; -

(ix) Enhancement of punishment for pollution of waters of irrigation work.

(b) and (c) The National Water Policy has been formulated and adopted in September, 1987.

Delay in offer of Appointments in Government Departments

2147. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Wil] the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1986-87 appointments in Government departments in respect of some 2000 cases recommended by U.P.S.C, were either delayed beyond limits or no appointments were made in some cases;

(b) if so, the reasong for not acting speedily on the recommendations of U.P.S.C;

(e) whether the procedure of making appointments on the advice of U.P.S.C, is being speeded up; and

(d) if so, whether in the light of the experience the recruitment procedures to senior positions are being reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINTSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAM-BARAM): (a) to (d) In their report of 1986-87, the UPSC have pointed out that out of candidates recom-mened by the Commission for ap-pointment, in respect of 1164 candi-dates offers of appointment were made only after six months and in respect of 855 candidates offers of appointment have not yet been made even though six months have lapsed. The main reasons for delay in making the offers of appointment are comoletion of formalities like verification of character and antecedents, mcd'cal examinations etc. Instructions have been issued by the Gov-ernment from time to time for expediting these processes.